

INQUEST IN ADAMS
CASE STARTS TODAYMASSILLON ASYLUM
AUTHORITIESSay They Are Ready For
InvestigationClaiming No Fault is
Theirs—Local Officials
Discuss Case—Many
Insist on a Searching
Examination.

Massillon, O., May 20.—With an inquiry into the death of John Adams staring them in the face the authorities at the Massillon State hospital say that they will be fully prepared to answer all charges brought against them, relative to the mysterious circumstances of the death of the Beach City inmate. "There is absolutely no mystery to the case," said Superintendent Eymann today, "and we will be able to completely exonerate ourselves before an inquiry."

"Did the man sustain his injuries before or after he entered the institution?" will be the question which will have much weight before a board of inquiry. The report from Attendant Hubbard, of the receiving ward, will show that Adams was badly bruised about the chest at the time he entered the hospital last Wednesday. The report reads as follows: "Scar over right patella; scar over left tibia; bruise on the left side of the chest; and discoloration of the right side." Thus it would seem that at least some if not all of Adams' injuries were sustained before he entered the institution. The report was made thirty minutes after he had been admitted to the hospital, after he had been washed and examined. It is expected that the report will have great weight in case of an inquiry.

On the other hand if the injuries were sustained after the man came to the hospital, they might have resulted accidentally on two separate occasions.

John Akers, the attendant who had charge of Adams told the following story today: "On Friday night Adams was somewhat restless. Once when I entered his room, I found him lying in a heap at the foot of the bed. It was very evident that he had crawled to the foot of the bed and had fallen over. I did not notice that he was hurt on this occasion for he made no complaint. At another time on the same night, while I was in the bath room adjoining Adams' cell, the patient entered the room. He seemed very feeble and as he approached the bath tub he tottered. I attempted to save him but he fell headlong over the tub. He might have been injured in this case.

"At all times he was very feeble. I understand that last fall he suffered a paralytic stroke and has never been strong since. Violence would have been entirely uncalculated for and I was never forced to use any. Only upon one particular occasion was I forced to even touch him. To keep him in bed I was forced to tuck the linen cover over him tightly into the sides of the bed. In this way he was prevented from arising. Once when he attempted to rise, I put my hand upon his chest and pushed him gently down upon the bed."

Dr. Tatje's diagnosis of the case, that pneumonia resulted from the injured ribs, is still adhered to. "Such a theory seems to be the most possible one," said Dr. Eymann this afternoon. "That a man should die in forty-eight hours from the broken ribs seems improbable. Some other cause would have to combine with this to cause death and I have great faith in Dr. Tatje's opinion that pneu-

monia brought on death. This theory seems to be scoffed at by the physicians who took part in the post mortem. There they have the advantage of us. It may be possible that Dr. Tatje was wrong when he said pneumonia but the Beach City doctors had every advantage of ascertaining the real cause of death at the autopsy. I believe that the holding of the post mortem at Beach City was unfair to us; for since the man died here we ought to have had the first chance to discover the real cause of death.

"The whole affair is open to investigation and if an inquiry is called we will be able to clear ourselves completely of all charges that violence caused the man's death."

Dr. Shetler, of Navarre, who took part in the post mortem at Beach City, said this evening that there was a possibility that the crushed ribs might have inflamed the lungs. He said this might have been sufficient to cause death but there was no evidence of pneumonia.

Prosecutor Upham, who received a petition from half a hundred Beach City citizens asking that the death of Adams be thoroughly investigated, said yesterday that he had instructed Acting Coroner Bothwell to summon all the witnesses who might be able to throw any light on the cause of Adams' death and to make a searching examination of all at the inquest which will begin this afternoon at express any opinion in the case saying that he was not in a position to do so and that he was not likely to take any action until after the inquest. If it was shown at this pro-

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POLITICS AND
CITY POSITIONS

It is understood that the two Republican members of the board of public service, Messrs. Lauffer and St. Clair, are figuring upon putting another repair man at the water works pumping station, in order to make place for a man to whom they still owe a political debt. The friends of John McCoy, who was deposed as the chief engineer at the place, now say that his position was given to another man because he was too rigid with the Tod Pump company people, who built the pump at the station.

STATE AND VICINITY

Mansfield—Auditors of 10 counties of the state through which the Pennsylvania railroad passes, met here and assessed the company \$3610 a mile more than last year.

Columbus—D. Bennock sent to the pen year ago from Cuyahoga county, released.

Columbus—Mrs. S. A. Barnhart, 63, who lived in one house for 25 years, is dead.

Columbus—N. & W. passenger train wrecked between Sardinia and Hillsboro; 10 or 12 painfully injured.

Portsmouth—Blows were struck by warring Republican factions in tenth district, where two conventions are being held.

Columbus—Her mind affected by religious matters, Mrs. E. Meier, 63, committed suicide by drowning in a cistern.

Marquette—George R. McKay, Cleveland, supreme president, delivered address of day at opening session of sixth annual session of Pathfinders.

Norwalk—To await reports of the expert accountants of Cleveland, grand jury for April term, probing bank failures, adjourns until June 1.

Lisbon—J. W. Freeman, 61, died after illness of one week.

RELIEF CORPS

Will Give Entertainment for Benefit of Fund Tonight.

The ladies of William McKinley Relief Corps, No. 4, will give an entertainment at the G. A. R. hall Thursday and Friday nights for the benefit of the relief fund. A drama entitled "The Blue and the Gray" will be the feature of the evening but a number of musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, and readings will also be given. Much care has been given to the preparation of the program and the ladies in charge are anxious for good audiences, feeling sure the entertainment will be well worth while. It will be under the immediate direction of Mrs. Ella Lee Schilder.

The Interurban Electric Car Service to Cleveland is Not Interfered With by the Strike.

The cars running from Canton to Cleveland are being operated regularly and are not being interfered with in the least by the strike. Canton patrons are taken direct to the Cleveland square.

Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.

MYSTERIOUS
DEATH TO BE
INVESTIGATED

Youngstown, O., May 20.—Traces of strychnine were found in the organs of Jacob S. Besore, a young boy, heavily insured, who died here suddenly. His body was exhumed at the instance of insurance companies.

After a consultation between the coroner and chief of police Wednesday the body of the boy's father, J. O. Besore, who died heavily insured about two months ago, was ordered exhumed. An inquest will be held over it Saturday.

Mrs. Besore states that she does not believe the investigation will disclose any untoward circumstances in the deaths.

Father, mother and ten children composed the Besore family. Of these, the father and six of the children are dead. One of the four living children, a young man, is missing.

The autopsy over the body of the father was held late Wednesday afternoon. The inquest on Saturday will be before a jury.

CUTLERY CO

Prosperous Canton Concern May Move to New York Town, Site Offered

THE REASONS WHY

For some time past rumors have been afloat that one of Canton's most prosperous industries, the Novelty Cutlery company, would be moved to Tonawanda, N. Y., where a free site, including a building well suited for the business, free water power and electric light had been offered as an inducement to have the company remove to that city. It seems that the real cause for the proposed action taken by the members of that concern is on account of their inability to have McGregor street opened from West Third street to where the factory is located at the corner of Second and McGregor streets, a distance of about 200 yards. This portion of that thoroughfare is open to the public at the present time but it is learned that a real estate firm has secured an option on the ground and is about to close the street to traffic.

Sometime ago the matter of dedicating the street was referred to City Engineer Starrett who informed a News representative yesterday that nothing could be done until an option had been secured from the owners of the land and that matter was in the hands of Councilman Aungst.

Major Vignos, president of the cutlery company, was seen by a News reporter yesterday and said: "We have exhausted about every possible means to secure an opening to our factory. For a long time it made but little difference to us whether that thoroughfare was opened or not as our employees could pass to and from our shops up Second street or the extension of Collins street. But recently this land has been purchased by a party of gentlemen, namely, Milton Shaeffer, Dr. Ed. Brant and William Cook, who are at the present time building houses on the line of these two streets, the land of which has never been appropriated for street purposes. Before these buildings were begun I used every means within my power to secure sufficient land from these gentlemen but the prices demanded by them were so exorbitant that I was compelled to turn them down."

"We have been paying taxes for nearly 22 years for our shop, machinery, etc., and have never asked the city for a dollar to help us along. We have a payroll which includes anywhere from 135 to 200 employees and we believe that we are entitled to some consideration at the hands of the people of this city. We were willing to pay for what we got but feel that we cannot be coerced into paying five times as much for property as it is actually worth and unless something is done within the near future I have no hesitation in stating that the chances are that we will seek another location where we will receive at least some consideration at the hands of the people. We very much desire to remain in Canton as our business has been built up in this city but for the same reasons stated we must have some redress."

To Make Changes.

I. D. Lovett will make alterations in his piano warerooms at 224 W. Fifth St. Many of his pianos must leave the floor on any kind of terms at any price whatever above cost.

Bridgeport—Residence of William DeVault burned to ground; loss \$3,500; Mrs. DeVault and three children barely escaped in night clothes.

Van Wert—Mart B. Brown, found guilty of wife murder, is mental and physical wreck.

STRIKERS

ARE CIRCULATING A
PETITION

Calling For Referendum
on Traction Franchises

In Meantime Dynamite
and Other Explosives
Are Used—Five Cars
Blown up Last Night,
Passengers Injured.

Cleveland, May 20.—Sympathizers with the striking conductors and motormen of the Municipal Traction company, who last night and early this morning terrorized the city by wrecking cars with dynamite and by scattering nitro-glycerine charges about the city again resorted to the use of explosives this evening. A Detroit avenue car was thrown off the tracks, its floor split to kindling and its two passengers thrown about against the seats and seriously battered at 8:45 o'clock.

Police were hurried to the scene of the outrage, just across the city line from Lakewood, from which village cars were barred today by order of the village council following the rioting of last night in which five men were shot. The two passengers escaped and the crew, uninjured, was unable to gain information as to the names of the passengers or members of the crowd, which surrounded the car when it was derailed.

The police strengthened by special deputy sheriffs, two hundred of whom were sworn in today, guarded all car barns and dangerous corners tonight. The Detroit avenue attack, however, was the only demonstration of violence up to 10 o'clock.

Four cars were thrown from the tracks by dynamite explosions just before 11 o'clock. Some women who jumped from one of the cars were injured.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson, officer of the Municipal Traction company as well as the city's chief executive, today issued a proclamation calling on the citizens to come to him with information as to the identity of rioters and users of explosives, promising in the city's name rewards of \$100 to \$300 for information, \$500 for convictions.

The union leaders following an all night conference, which was resumed early this morning, late in the afternoon refused the arbitration offer of the company, proposing to take back three-fourths of the strikers, placing them on their former runs, pending arbitration of the validity of the two-cent an hour wage increase contract, about which the battle is raging.

A further effort to bring about peace is being made by the state arbitration board with a faint prospect of success.

The union men today began the circulation of petitions demanding an election under a new law, providing a referendum within 30 days on all traction franchises. Already nearly 5000 of the 13,000 voters whose names are necessary to force such an election have been obtained. It is the object of the union to repeal the blanket franchise under which the Municipal, Tom Johnson's three-cent fare operating device, is operating the lines. This union has until next Wednesday to get the 13,000 signers.

THOUSANDS WITNESS
FLEET MANOEUVERS

Astoria, Ore., May 20.—The Atlantic battleship fleet checked its speed today and indulged in maneuvers for several hours off Columbia river so that thousands of people who had come from various places in Oregon and Washington might see them.

Many thousands lined the beach while other thousands in steamers, yachts and launches, went as close as permitted to the fleet. The first appearance of the fleet was a signal for a good demonstration. Escorted by a flotilla of small craft, the battleships went slowly past the mouth of the great river and maneuvered.

As the flagship Connecticut passed Fort Stevens, a salute of 17 guns was fired.

Funeral of Late George Volzer.

The funeral over the remains of George Volzer, who died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Volzer, 328 Charles street, will take place from St. Mary's Catholic church this (Thursday) morning at 9:30 o'clock and not at the same hour Friday morning as it had been erroneously announced. Friends of the deceased have contributed many beautiful floral offerings, showing the high esteem in which the man was held.

Ashtabula—John Polanski of Dunkirk, a fisherman, found dead from heart disease in the rear of Columbus street saloon.

FOR WALL PAPER AND HOUSE
CLEANING CALL 1421, STARK.

HORSE THIEF
MAY BE CAUGHT

It is quite likely that the man who stole the horse and buggy from J. S. Daniels, a farmer living near Meyers lake, while it was hitched to a post near the Canton Hardware building a few weeks ago, will be brought back to Canton to answer for the crime. This man according to the police, is believed to be John Vaughn, who lived in the vicinity of Alliance. Chief Smith says that the horse has been located at Coraopolis, Pa., where it was recently sold by Vaughn.

Wednesday the chief received a telegram from that place asking what reward was offered for the return of the horse and the same message said that the sender was in hot pursuit of the man for stealing it. Daniels, the owner of the horse, called upon Chief Smith Wednesday night and said that he would leave for the Pennsylvania town at once to identify and claim his horse and buggy.

LABOR MEN

Vote to Annul Agreement
of Affiliation With
Liberty League

INVESTIGATE "BOYCOTT"

The members of Canton Central Labor Union last night repudiated its affiliation with the recently organized Liberty league by a vote of 15 to 3. This action was taken after long debate over the question of reconsidering the vote taken two weeks ago at which time the motion to affiliate with the league was carried by the deciding vote of President Patterson.

When the meeting convened last night there were members present who had been absent two weeks ago and who were not in favor of the action taken at that meeting. One of them moved to reconsider the vote but this was argued against, from a parliamentary point of view on the ground that he was not one of those members who voted in favor of the motion at the previous meeting. Finally Member Robinson cut the Gordian knot with the suggestion that as the union at that time had voted for affiliation with the league it could at this meeting vote to dissolve that obligation. The motion was made and put and carried by the vote recorded above.

Another matter which came before the union was the rumored, as they termed it, "boycott" by certain merchants in this city against railroad companies who have advertised cut rate excursions to Cleveland on Saturday and Sunday. The members of the union were unanimous in the belief that the matter should be investigated and a committee consisting of Messrs. Robinson, Evans and Whitehouse was appointed by the president. This committee will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock and will at once begin its investigation.

The matter was brought to the attention of the council by Member Robinson who stated that he heard the rumor to the effect that members of the local board of trade and certain merchants had told the representatives of the railroad companies, the Wheeling and the B. & O. that unless the excursions were discontinued they would cease their support of those lines. He said he understood that local advertising mediums were also threatened. On this statement the action to investigate was based. It is thought, according to statements of members of the union, that the report of the committee will be ready by the time of the next meeting.

AULTMAN HOSPITAL
STAFF HELD MEETING

About twenty of the thirty-two members of the Aultman hospital staff held a meeting in the mayor's court room Wednesday night, at which time they passed upon the examination of the five young lady nurses who will be graduated at the Grand Opera House next Wednesday evening. It is said they all passed. The staff also adopted resolutions on the death of Dr. Esther M. Tyrell, who died some time ago. Dr. Kahler presided at the meeting, while Dr. Zinninger kept a record of the proceedings.

Alliance—Isaac Homer, 86, of Columbiana county, refused to go to Stark county infirmary.

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EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.
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MURDERESS

ALIVE, SAY LAWYERS
OF LAMPHERE

But Coroner Insists She
is Still Dead

Grand Jury is Likely to
Return a Verdict on
Friday—A Mother's
Vain Search For the
Remains of Daughter.

Laporte, Ind., May 20.—Acting on private information, Mayor Darrow, of counsel for Ray Lamphere, who will be indicted for the murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her three children and Andrew Helgelein, of Aberdeen, S. D., tonight entered into communication by cable with the police of Scotland Yard, London, and the authorities in Canadian cities, advising them of the reward of \$4000 which will be paid by Laporte county for the finding of the murderess. Following his declaration that the teeth identified as those of Mrs. Gunness are in too perfect condition to have been in the fierce blaze which destroyed the head, and charred, baked and burned the rest of the body, Mayor Darrow, also took steps to consult with experts upon whom he relies to disprove the identification of the teeth. Coroner Mack added the weight of his opinion that Mrs. Gunness' body was that found in the ruins of the chancel house when he tonight officially declared:

"It is my verdict that the body so viewed is that of Belle Gunness; that she came to her death through felonious homicide; and that the perpetrator thereof is to me unknown."

Coroner Mack says that so far as Andrew Helgelein, of South Dakota; Ole Budberg, of Iowa, Wis., and Jennie Olson, the adopted daughter of Mrs. Gunness, are concerned his verdict will be that their bodies were properly identified, that they came to their death from unnatural causes, that they were burned to cover up murder and that Mrs. Gunness had a motive for killing them and was guilty either alone or with accomplices of murder.

Mrs. Henry Witzler of Toledo, walked among the dead at the morgue this morning hoping that there might be some mark of identification on one of the skeleton forms which would prove that her daughter was one of the victims of the house of tragedy. Tears coursed down the mother's cheeks as she looked upon the headless and dismembered bodies. There was no identification, but the Toledo woman, hoping that some tragedy might solve the mystery of her daughter's strange disappearance, came to Laporte like scores of others. In the hope that the Gunness murders would unfold the mystery which she has vainly labored to solve since 1902, when Frances Witzler, young and pretty, a college graduate with life before her, left her home never to return.

Mrs. Witzler believes her daughter met death in the chancel house.

The grand jury is making splendid progress in the taking of evidence. There is a disposition on the part of the state's attorney, Smith, to conclude the labors of the body of inquisition not later than Friday, when the indictments against Ray Lamphere will undoubtedly be returned.

With the reading of the Swedish committal service the skeleton of Jennie Olson, was this afternoon lowered into a grave at Patton's cemetery. The plot of ground in which she lies adjoins the burial place of Andrew Helgelein.

Dr. Martin received today from Washington a letter describing a woman seen on the street by a man believed by the writer to be J. S. Gunness. The man does not give his name, but says he saw a woman he describes on the evening of May 13, at 15th street and ... see, before he ever saw a picture of the Laporte murderess.

Attorney Worde ... the defense, is still a firm believer in the theory that Mrs. Gunness made her escape. He claims that a woman so thoroughly versed with the instincts of criminality, as she, would resort to such means of diverting suspicion. "She could very easily have a dentist remove those plates from her mouth," he declares, "and leave them as she left the rings, near the bodies found in the basement of her house."

The searching of the debris today brought another gold ring to light. It bears the initials "S. B. May 28, 1907," and it may prove a factor in solving the identity of another body.

States Attorney Smith stated tonight on emerging from the grand jury room that he would ask for the indictment of Ray Lamphere on six counts. Four for the murder of Mrs. Gunness and her three children, one as accessory in the killing of Andrew Helgelein and one for arson.

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